Spanish operations are being poorly conducted, and so poorly conducted that I foresee a catastrophe unless more vigour is imparted to the movements of the columns. The English have been given enough respite to form another army at Lisbon, It is the English we have to fear; they alone, unless the army is managed differently, will bring it to a catastrophe before many months.

12th. I believe that in German Schoenbrunn means the beautiful fountain; the spring in the park produces delicious water which I drink every morning. Do you also like fresh water?

(Colonel Sainte Croix: Faith, no, Sire; I prefer a good glass of Bordeaux or of Champagne.)

Send the Colonel 100 bottles of Bordeaux and as many of Champagne.

14th. (To Count Fouche.) I have received a wretched scrawl from that blackguard Palafox. I am displeased that you should have accepted it, had it translated, and thereby allowed it to become known that he was at Vin-cennes, instead of leaving that fact unpublished. This blackguard is stained with the blood of 4000 Frenchmen whom he barbarously slaughtered at Saragossa. Let him remain at Vincennes, forgotten, without pen or paper, and unable to secure the intervention in his favour of the most bitter enemies of France.

16th. (To Josephine.) On the 14th, anniversary of Ma-rengo, Eugene won a battle at Raab in Hungary against the Archduke John; he captured 3000 prisoners, several guns, four flags, and has pursued the enemy far on the road to Baden.

17th. (To Joachim Napoleon.) I received

Your Ma-